



## **Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Intergovernmental Relations**

**Date:** May 28, 2014

**To:** Vice President Elizabeth Glidden and Committee Vice Chair Alondra Cano

**Referral to:** Intergovernmental Relations

**Subject:** Receive Award from the Immigrant Law Center (ILC) for Legislative Advocacy

**Recommendation:** Receive and File

**Previous Directives:** City's Legislative Agenda includes two issues – Dream Act and Driver's license – that city staff advocated for passage with partners including the ILC.

### **Department Information**

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Approved by: Gene Ranieri

Presenters in Committee: IGR and Neighborhood Community Relations staff

### **Supporting Information**

The Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota (ILCM) was founded in 1976 as *Oficina Legal*, a program of Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services (SMRLS). *Oficina Legal* established itself as a separate 501(c)(3) nonprofit in 1996 due to federal restrictions on legal aid offices. The agency was later renamed to reflect the increasing diversity of the immigrant population it served.

**ILC's mission** is to provide quality immigration legal services, law-related education, and advocacy to meet the steadily increasing needs of Minnesota's immigrant and refugee communities.

At its May 9, 2014 annual gala, ILC recognized several organizations and individuals for their work over the past year. Among the recognitions was that of State Advocate of the Year. Fourteen individuals, organizations and public entities were named co-winners for their efforts to pass the Minnesota Dream Act. A listing of the recipients follows:

Governor Mark Dayton

Senator Sandy Pappas

Rep. Carlos Mariani

City of Minneapolis

University of Minnesota

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities

Minnesota Private College Council

Minnesota Office of Higher Education

Minnesota Chamber of Commerce

Central Campesino

Mesa Latina

NAVIGATE MN

Citizens League

Education Minnesota